REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated 8 December 8, 2006.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 103, 132, and 133 are amended, no claims are canceled, and claims 171-182 are added; as a result, claims 1-5 and 103-182 are now pending in this application. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. No new matter is introduced. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

Support for the amendments to claims and the addition of claims 171-182 may be found in the specification, for example, at page 22, line 10 – page 24, line 24.

In the Drawings

Figure 17B is amended as suggested by the Examiner. Figures 2 and 10B are amended to further demonstrate the curves in these drawings. No new matter is introduced.

In the Specification

The specification is amended to correct a typographical as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is introduced.

Claim Objections

Claims 133-152 and 162-170 were objected to because of informalities. Applicant traverses these grounds of objection of these claims.

Applicant submits that the independent claim 133 as written is proper. However, to expedite prosecution of the instant application, Applicant amends independent claim 133 along the lines as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these objections to claims 133-152 and 162-170, and reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-5 and 103-170 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

applicant regards as the invention. Applicant traverses these grounds of rejection of these claims.

However, to expedite prosecution of the instant application, Applicant amends the independent claims of the instant application, claims 1, 3, 103, 132, and 133, to further clarify these claims.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections of claims 1-5 and 103-170, and reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, and 132 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epley (U.S. Patent No. 6,800,062). Applicant traverses these grounds of rejection of these claims.

Applicant cannot find in Epley a disclosure, a teaching, or a suggestion of a method that includes applying a multiple component stimulus to control motion of a subject to turn off vestibular response in one ear of the subject in response to a component of the multiple component stimulus and evaluating vestibular response in the other ear of the subject relative to another component of the multiple component stimulus as recited in claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submits that Epley does not teach each and every claim element of claim 1, that Epley does not teach the identical invention in as complete detail as is contained in claim 1, and/or that Epley does not teach each and every claim element arranged as in claim 1. Thus, Applicant submits that Epley does not anticipate claim 1 and that claim 1 is patentable over Epley for at least the reasons stated above.

For at least reasons similar to those stated above with respect to claim 1, Applicant submits that claim 132 is patentable over Epley. Claim 2 depends on claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 2 is patentable over Epley for at least the reasons stated herein.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections of claims 1, 2, and 132, and reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-5, 103-131, and 133-170 were identified as having allowable subject matter.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 3-5, 103-131, and 133-170 contain allowable subject matter.

New Claims

New claims 171-176 and new claims 177-182 depend on claims 1 and 132, respectively. Applicant requests consideration and allowance of claims 171-182.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2157 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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